GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1184
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PURULIA ARMS DROPPING CASE
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of weapons were airdropped in the district of Purulia, West Bengal in the year 1995;

(b) whether it is also a fact that CBI has enquired into the incidence of the arms drop;

(c) whether CBI has completed its investigations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): The Central Bureau of Investigation, who have been entrusted with the investigation of the Purulia Arms Drop Case, have so far arrested 7 persons out of 14 persons charge-sheeted in the case. Six of the arrested persons were convicted for life and one person was acquitted due to inadequate evidence. The 7 absconding persons have been declared as Proclaimed Offenders by the Court. Look Out Notices have been issued in respect of absconding accused persons.Red Corner Notices in respect of 3 absconding accused persons, who have fled away from India, have also been issued through Interpol Headquarters, Lyons.Interpols of various countries have been requested to locate the absconders. Till date, the 7 absconding accused have not been arrested. Recently, it was disclosed that Kim Davy @ Neilson, the prime accused in the case is living in Denmark. The Danish authorities have been requested to trace and extradite him.

While most of the arms dropped in the incident have been recovered, the CBI has sought the assistance of State Governments of West Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to recover the remaining missing arms & ammunition.